

Senate Resolution 903

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Carter of the 1st and Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Jacquelyn W. Stephens; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Jacquelyn W. Stephens has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
3 for the vital role that she has played in education and her deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of the citizens of Savannah, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Stephens earned a bachelor's degree from Savannah State College, a
6 master's degree from Illinois State University, and a doctoral degree in education from the
7 University of Oklahoma; and

8 WHEREAS, she has inspired and challenged countless students as an educator for
9 Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools and acting head, professor of elementary
10 education, and professor emerita at Armstrong Atlantic State University; and

11 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
12 talents, and energy to the Savannah Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, an organization
13 which recently recognized her with the prestigious title of Lady of the Year; and

14 WHEREAS, a known community leader, Dr. Stephens is the founding president of the
15 Reading and Speech Communication Institute of Savannah, the founding sponsor of the
16 Washington, D.C. Martin Luther King, Jr., National Memorial Project Foundation, and a life
17 member of the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum and the King-Tisdell Cottage
18 Foundation; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Stephens has been honored with numerous awards, including a Regional
20 Education Service Award from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Armstrong Atlantic
21 State University Alumni Association Award, and the Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority Point of
22 Excellence Award; and

23 WHEREAS, an accomplished author, Dr. Stephens has written a book and several articles
24 on bibliotherapy and reading and has made numerous scholarly presentations on reading
25 education at the national and international levels; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Stephens is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
27 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and it is abundantly fitting and
28 proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian
29 be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Dr. Jacquelyn W. Stephens for her decades of selfless service on behalf of the
32 future leaders of this state; recognize her amazing life service to others; and congratulate her
33 upon her recent title as Top Lady of the Year from the Savannah Chapter of Top Ladies of
34 Distinction.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Jacquelyn W. Stephens.